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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently Amended) A computerized method of teaching spoken language skills comprising:

(a) Receiving multiple user utterances <u>by a user of a plurality of words from an audio input device</u> into a computer system, the user utterances comprising recorded spoken responses to application prompts of a display of the computer system;

<u>(b) Providing an analysis prompt on the display for actuation by the user after the plurality of words have been recorded;</u>

(b<u>c</u>) Analyzing the user utterances <u>in the computer system in response to actuation of the analysis prompt so as</u> to detect pronunciation errors<u> in the user utterances in the plurality of words</u> according to basic sound units and Pronunciation error criteria received in the computer system prior to receiving the multiple user utterances;

(e<u>d</u>) Providing feedback <u>from the display of the computer system</u> to the user in accordance with the analysis.

2.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising the computer system performing garbage analysis of one of the user utterances that determines if the user utterance is a grossly different utterance than the desired utterance.

3.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein analyzing includes identification of pronunciation error.

4.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein different pronunciation error analysis criteria are used in accordance with whether the computer system is operating in communication mode or pronunciation mode.

5.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein pronunciation error analysis criteria indicates the errors that are reported to the user.

6.   (Currently Amended) A computerized system for teaching spoken language skills to a user, the system comprising a computer processor that produces application prompts for an audio playback interface, receives multiple user utterances by the user of a plurality of words from an audio input device of the computerized system, the user utterances comprising recorded spoken responses to the application prompts, and an analysis prompt on a visual display of the computerized system for actuation by the user after the plurality of words have been recorded, wherein the computer processor further analyzes the user utterances in response to actuation of the analysis prompt so as to detect pronunciation errors in the plurality of words according to basic sound units and pronunciation error criteria received in the computerized system prior to receiving the multiple user utterances, and wherein the computer processor provides feedback to the user on a the visual display that shows application screens produced by the computer processor in accordance with the analysis.

7.   (Previously Presented) The computerized system of claim 6, wherein the computer processor further performs a garbage analysis of one of the user utterances that determines if the user utterance is a grossly different utterance than the desired utterance.

8.   (Original) The computerized system of claim 6, wherein the computer processor further performs identification of pronunciation error.

9.   (Previously Presented) The computerized system of claim 6, wherein different pronunciation error analysis criteria are used in accordance with whether the computer processor is operating in communication mode or pronunciation mode.

10.   (Original) The computerized system of claim 6, wherein pronunciation error analysis criteria indicates the errors that are reported to the user.

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11.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the computer system interferes with the user recording of the utterances if a user utterance is a grossly different utterance than the desired utterance.

12.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4, wherein the pronunciation error analysis criteria is less restrictive in the communication mode than in the pronunciation mode.

13.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 6, wherein the computerized system interferes with the user recording of the utterances if a user utterance is a grossly different utterance than the desired utterance.

14.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 9, wherein the pronunciation error analysis criteria is less restrictive in the communication mode than in the pronunciation mode.